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SUBJECT: EA SUMMARY FOR TUESDAY, MAY 31, 1977

1. PRESIDENT PARK BRIEFS KOREAN LEADERSHIP ON HABIB/BROWN
TALKS (CONFIDENTIAL/EXDIS)

PRESIDENT PARK MET WITH THE LEADERS OF THE NDP, THE DRP,
AND THE SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN THREE SEPARATE
MEETINGS ON MAY 27 AND 28 TO BRIEF THEM ON THE HABIB/BROWN
VISIT. THE ESSENCE OF THE MESSAGE WAS THAT U.S. WITH-
DRAWAL PLANS ARE DEFINITE AND THE KOREANS SHOULD GET ON
WITH THE JOB OF DEVELOPING COMPENSATORY MEASURES. PARK
ALSO TOLD NDP CHAIRMAN YI CHOL-SUNG PRIVATELY THAT THE
MYONGDONG DEFENDANTS WOULD BE RELEASED IN TIME. PARK WANTS
TO WAIT SO THE RELEASE WILL NOT BE LINKED TO THE U.S. VISIT.

2. INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT TO TAKE NEWSPAPER TO COURT
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THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL
"TAKE TO COURT" THE MOSLEM DAILY PELITA ON A CHARGE OF
"LYING AND GIVING A BAD IMPRESSION OF THE GOVERNMENT" IN
ITS COVERAGE OF THE RECENT ELECTION. THE PAPER SUPPORTED
THE OPPOSITION MOSLEM-BASED UNITY PARTY (PPP). CHIEF OF

THE COMMAND FOR THE RESTORATION OF SECURITY AND ORDER, ADMIRAL SUDOMO, WHO PUBLICLY PROMISED SEVERAL WEEKS AGO THAT NO PAPER WOULD BE SHUT DOWN BECAUSE OF ITS ELECTION COVERAGE, ANNOUNCED THE GOI DECISION. HE WOULD NOT SAY UNDER WHAT LAW PELITA WOULD BE CHARGED, WHEN THE CHARGE WOULD BE FILED, NOR WHAT PENALTY WOULD BE SOUGHT. DOMESTIC PAPERS HAVE HEADLINED THE STORY, BUT EDITORIAL AND PUBLIC REACTION HAS SO FAR BEEN MUTED.

3. THAI MEDIA REACTION TO OAKLEY'S STATEMENTS IN BANGKOK AND KUALA LUMPUR (UNCLASSIFIED)

THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE BANGKOK POST PRAISED OAKLEY'S THAILAND VISIT ON MAY 28. THE PAPER SAID THAT REASSURANCE OF AMERICA'S CONTINUING INTEREST WAS PARTICULARLY WELCOME AT A TIME WHEN IT APPEARED THAT THE NEW ADMINISTRATION WAS FOCUSING ON OTHER PROBLEMS. ON MAY 30, HOWEVER, THE SAME PAPER TOOK ISSUE WITH OAKLEY'S COMMENTS IN KUALA LUMPUR WHICH, IT SAID, SEEMED TO BLAME ASEAN COUNTRIES FOR THE IMPASSE IN HANOI-ASEAN RELATIONS. THE PAPER SAID THAT ASEAN WANT FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH INDOCHINA, BUT THESE RELATIONS MUST BE BASED ON EQUALITY AND MUTUAL RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER'S SOVEREIGNTY.

4. JAPAN-ROK SHELF AGREEMENT WILL BE RATIFIED (CONFIDENTIAL)

THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE JAPANESE DIET WAS EXTENDED TO TWELVE DAYS ON MAY 28. THIS ASSURES RATIFICATION OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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JAPAN-ROK CONTINENTAL SHELF AGREEMENT. THE EXTENSION ALSO MAKES IT CERTAIN THAT THE UPPER HOUSE ELECTION WILL BE MOVED TO JULY 10. CHRISTOPHER

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